



Domestic Violence in Oklahoma

Definition of Domestic Violence: When one family or household member causes or attempts to cause an abusive act against another family or household member.

- Oklahoma has 35 organizations that provide domestic violence services at some level in 27 different cities.
- Only 2% of domestic violence homicide victims accessed domestic violence advocacy services.
- A 10-year study by the Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Task Force found that 41% of all Oklahoma homicides were linked to domestic violence.
- In 2013, 90 people died due to domestic violence in Oklahoma.
- 33% of all police time is spent responding to domestic violence calls.
- Law enforcement in 2012 responded to 2,354 incidents of domestic abuse-related assaults. Of those, 109 women, men, and children lost their lives.
- In Oklahoma, 49% of women and 40% of men have experienced intimate partner violence at some point in their lives.
- 7% of Oklahoma high school students reported they had been hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or girlfriend in the last 12 months.
- According to the YWCA, as of 2016 Oklahoma is ranked third in the nation for women killed by men in domestic violence situations for the second year in a row.
- Roughly one-third of women murdered in Oklahoma are killed by their husbands.
- In 2012, three intimate partner victims were pregnant at the time of their death.
- In 70% of cases in which an abused child dies, there has been a pattern of abuse against the mother.
- In Oklahoma, one-third of all domestic violence homicides are witnessed by children.
- Children who are exposed to domestic violence are less likely to succeed in school than children who are not exposed.

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